

## **AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS**

The following listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application.

### **LISTING OF CLAIMS**

1-56. (cancelled)

57. (currently amended) A resilient clip for use in securing [[a]] two members together wherein one of the members has an aperture for receiving the resilient clip, the resilient clip comprising:

a body portion having an insertion end and a flange extending from an end of the body portion opposite to the insertion end, the insertion end being adapted for insertion into the aperture and the flange portion being adapted to engage a surrounding portion of the aperture, the body portion having a main axis;


at least one spring member extending outwardly from the insertion end of the body portion, said spring member having an edge defining a plurality of teeth, said spring member having at least a portion which is twisted about an axis that is not perpendicular to the main axis so that the plurality of teeth are positioned to engage an edge of the aperture upon insertion therein; and

a central aperture in the body portion adapted to attach a coupling member from the other of the members to the resilient clip.



58. (currently amended) A resilient clip according to Claim 57, wherein the body portion comprises a generally U-shape body defined by a pair of substantially parallel side wall members connected by a transition portion at the insertion end, the flange comprises two flange portions, each flange portion extending from an end of a side wall member opposite to the insertion end, said at least one spring member is two spring members and one of the two spring members extends from each of the side wall members of the body portion, a distal edge of the portion which is twisted of one of the two spring members being substantially parallel to a corresponding distal edge of the portion which is twisted of the other of the two spring members, and further comprising at least one barb member extending from the end of each of the side wall members opposite to the insertion end into the central aperture to grasp the coupling member.

59. (currently amended) A resilient clip according to Claim 58, wherein the at least a portion of one spring member is twisted about ~~[[an]]~~ the axis in a first direction that is one of a generally clockwise direction and a generally counterclockwise direction and the at least a portion of the other spring member is twisted about ~~[[an]]~~ another axis that is not perpendicular to the main axis in a same one of a generally clockwise direction and a generally counterclockwise direction.



60. (currently amended) A resilient clip according to Claim ~~[[58]]~~ 57, wherein the body portion comprises a generally U-shape body defined by a pair of substantially parallel side wall members connected by a transition portion at the insertion end, the flange comprises two flange portions, each flange portion extending from an end of a side wall member opposite to the insertion end, said at least one spring member is two spring members and one of the two spring members extends from each of the side wall members of the body portion, the at least a portion of one spring member is twisted about ~~[[an]]~~ the axis in a first direction that is one of a generally clockwise direction and a generally counterclockwise direction and the at least a portion of the other spring member is twisted about ~~[[an]]~~ another axis that is not perpendicular to the main axis in a different direction that is the other of a generally clockwise direction and a generally counterclockwise direction, and further comprising at least one barb member extending from the end of each of the side wall members opposite to the insertion end into the central aperture to grasp the coupling member.

61. (currently amended) A resilient clip according to Claim ~~[[58]]~~ 60, wherein the resilient clip member is formed from a substantially flat spring steel member.

62. (previously presented) A resilient clip according to Claim 57, wherein said at least one spring member is two spring members, and wherein one of the two spring members extends from each side of the body portion.




63. (currently amended) A resilient clip according to Claim 62, wherein the at least a portion of one spring member is twisted about [[an]] the axis in a first direction that is one of a generally clockwise direction and a generally counterclockwise direction and the at least a portion of the other spring member is twisted about [[an]] another axis that is not perpendicular to the main axis in a same one of a generally clockwise direction and a generally counterclockwise direction.

64. (currently amended) A resilient clip according to Claim 62, wherein the at least a portion of one spring member is twisted about [[an]] the axis in a first direction that is one of a generally clockwise direction and a generally counterclockwise direction and the at least a portion of the other spring member is twisted about an axis in a different direction that is the other of a generally clockwise direction and a generally counterclockwise direction.

65. (previously presented) A resilient clip according to Claim 57, wherein the resilient clip member is formed from a substantially flat sheet member.

66. (previously presented) A resilient clip according to Claim 57, wherein the resilient clip member is formed from spring steel.

67. (cancelled)

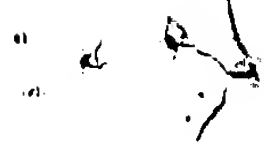


68. (currently amended) A resilient clip for use in securing [[a]] two members together wherein one of the members has an aperture for receiving the resilient clip, the resilient clip comprising:

a body portion having an insertion end and a flange extending from an end of the body portion opposite to the insertion end, the insertion end being adapted for insertion into the aperture and the flange portion being adapted to engage a surrounding portion of the aperture;

at least one spring member extending from the body portion, said spring member having an untwisted surface adapted to contact an inner perimeter of the aperture ~~in the member~~ when the resilient clip is fully received in the aperture, and having a twisted portion with a plurality of peaks and valleys, the peaks and valleys being adapted to engage an edge of the aperture upon insertion therein and to increase the force necessary for removal; and

a central aperture in the body portion adapted to attach a coupling member from the other of the members to the resilient clip.




69. (previously presented) A resilient clip according to Claim 68, wherein the body portion comprises a generally U-shape body defined by a pair of substantially parallel side wall members connected by a transition portion at the insertion end, the flange comprises two flange portions, each flange portion extending from an end of a side wall member opposite to the insertion end, said at least one spring member is two spring members and one of the two spring members extends from each of the side wall members of the body portion, and further comprising at least one barb member extending from the end of each of the side wall members opposite to the insertion end into the central aperture to grasp the coupling member.

70. (previously presented) A resilient clip according to Claim 69, wherein the at least a portion of one spring member is twisted about an axis in a first direction and the at least a portion of the other spring member is twisted about an axis in same direction.

71. (previously presented) A resilient clip according to Claim 69, wherein the at least a portion of one spring member is twisted about an axis in a first direction and the at least a portion of the other spring member is twisted about an axis in a different direction.

72. (previously presented) A resilient clip according to Claim 69, wherein the resilient clip member is formed from a substantially flat spring steel member.



73. (previously presented) A resilient clip according to Claim 68, wherein said at least one spring member is two spring members, and wherein one of the two spring members extends from each side of the body portion.

74. (previously presented) A resilient clip according to Claim 73, wherein the at least a portion of one spring member is twisted about an axis in a first direction and the at least a portion of the other spring member is twisted about an axis in same direction.

75. (previously presented) A resilient clip according to Claim 73, wherein the at least a portion of one spring member is twisted about an axis in a first direction and the at least a portion of the other spring member is twisted about an axis in a different direction.

76. (previously presented) A resilient clip according to Claim 68, wherein the resilient clip member is formed from a substantially flat sheet member.

77. (previously presented) A resilient clip according to Claim 68, wherein the resilient clip member is formed from spring steel.

78. (previously presented) A resilient clip according to Claim 68, further comprising at least one barb member extending from the end of the body portion opposite to the insertion end into the central aperture to grasp the coupling member.

79-90. (cancelled)